

# New Song Fellowship Church

*Being and Making Disciples*

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## The Bowl Judgments

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### The Preparatory Scene

Rev 15:6 Out of the temple came the seven angels with the seven plagues. They were dressed in clean, shining linen and wore golden sashes around their chests. 7 Then one of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls filled with the wrath of God, who lives for ever and ever. 8 And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from his power, and no one could enter the temple until the seven plagues of the seven angels were completed.

Rev 16:1 Then I heard a loud voice from the temple saying to the seven angels, "Go, pour out the seven bowls of God's wrath on the earth."

### The First Bowl -- Sores on the Earth

Rev 16:2 The first angel went and poured out his bowl on the land, and ugly, festering sores broke out on the people who had the mark of the beast and worshiped its image.

### The Second Bowl -- The Sea Turns to Blood

Rev 16:3 The second angel poured out his bowl on the sea, and it turned into blood like that of a dead person, and every living thing in the sea died.

## **The Third Bowl -- Rivers and Springs Turn to Blood**

Rev 16:4 The third angel poured out his bowl on the rivers and springs of water, and they became blood.

5 Then I heard the angel in charge of the waters say: "You are just in these judgments, O Holy One, you who are and who were; 6 for they have shed the blood of your holy people and your prophets, and you have given them blood to drink as they deserve."

7 And I heard the altar respond: "Yes, Lord God Almighty, true and just are your judgments."

## **The Fourth Bowl -- Scorching Sun**

Rev 16:8 The fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and the sun was allowed to scorch people with fire. 9 They were seared by the intense heat and they cursed the name of God, who had control over these plagues, but they refused to repent and glorify him.

## **The Fifth Bowl -- Darkness on the Beast's Kingdom**

Rev 16:10 The fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and its kingdom was plunged into darkness. People gnawed their tongues in agony 11 and cursed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, but they refused to repent of what they had done.

## **The Sixth Bowl -- The Euphrates Dried Up**

Rev 16:12 The sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up to prepare the way for the kings from the East.

13 Then I saw three impure spirits that looked like frogs; they came out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet. 14 They are demonic spirits that perform signs, and they go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them for the battle on the great day of God Almighty.

## **The Call to Remain Clothed in Christ**

Rev 16:15 "Look, I come like a thief! Blessed is the one who stays awake and remains clothed, so as not to go naked and be shamefully exposed."

Gal 3:27 And all who have been united with Christ in baptism have put on Christ, like putting on new clothes.

## **The Seventh Bowl -- "It Is Done!"**

Rev 16:16 Then they gathered the kings together to the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon.

17 The seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and out of the temple came a loud voice from the throne, saying, "It is done!" 18 Then there came flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder and a severe earthquake. No earthquake like it has ever occurred since mankind has been on earth, so tremendous was the quake.

Rev 16:19 The great city split into three parts, and the cities of the nations collapsed. God remembered Babylon the Great and gave her the cup filled with the wine of the fury of his wrath.

Rev 16:20 Every island fled away and the mountains could not be found.

Rev 16:21 From the sky huge hailstones, each weighing about a hundred pounds, fell on people. And they cursed God on account of the plague of hail, because the plague was so terrible.

Joh 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

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## Weekly Reflection

*Take a few moments this week to sit with these questions.*

1. The people in Revelation 16 experienced God's judgment firsthand yet "refused to repent" -- what areas of your own life have you been resistant to surrendering to God, even when you sense His conviction?
2. Revelation 16:15 warns us to "stay awake and remain clothed" -- in what practical ways are you staying spiritually alert and clothed in Christ (Galatians 3:27) as you watch the world around you grow darker?
3. The story of Babylon stretches from Genesis 11 to Revelation 17 -- a system built on human pride and self-sufficiency. Where do you see "Babylon thinking" in your own heart, and how can you actively choose God's kingdom instead?